

LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting

THURSDAY, January 15, 2009 – 7 P.M.

Oconomowoc City Hall – Council Chambers

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairperson P. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Paul Carpenter

David Falstad

Sally Keefe

Julie Larsen (entered 7:15 p.m.)

Ryan Myhre

Absent

Jan Husak

Richard Paul

Also Present

Lisa Reas, Shoreline Specialist

3. Comments from the Floor

None.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Received 12/15/08 from Capital Internet regarding Internet Hosting

Received 1/2/09 from Lisa Conley regarding Bill to restrict Phosphorus in Lawn Fertilizer

Received 1/2/09 from Lisa Conley regarding Rain Garden Grant Opportunity from Waukesha County

Received 1/12/09 from Jennifer Balliet regarding Post Office Box renewal

Received 1/14/09 from Benjamin M. Heussner, DNR, regarding Lakescaping for Wildlife Book

Received 1/14/09 from Julie Larsen regarding Land Acquisition

Mail

Letter from Tom Martin dated December 8, 2008 requesting a written attendance record for Brian Wiemer for all Lac LaBelle Management District meetings that took place between May, 2007 and April, 2008. A letter will be written to T. Martin stating that the information is available on the website and signed by P. Carpenter with a copy to B. Wiemer.

5. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2008

D. Falstad motioned to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting as presented. S. Keefe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting. It was noted that a deposit from the DNR reflecting the final payment from the Water Quality Assessment was made.

R. Myhre motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. S. Keefe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

P. Carpenter motioned to approve the payment authorizations as presented. D. Falstad seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

R. Myhre reported some of the remaining CarpFest checks have been cashed, but there are three checks still outstanding. P. Carpenter will contact the individuals who have not yet cashed their checks and encourage them to do so.

8. Website Updates

No report.

9. Presentation by Lisa Reas, Shoreline Specialist

P. Carpenter explained that a reoccurring theme for 2009 Goals was education and with this in mind, the LLBMD is considering a possible demo site for shoreline restoration. Because the District is made up of three municipalities, concern had previously been expressed about equitable site locations.

L. Reas made a presentation showing the history of her business, what her business does, projects she has undertaken, and how she could assist the LLBMD. Additionally, she discussed workshops she conducts for the public and contractors. She stressed there is ongoing maintenance with shoreline restoration that must be considered. It was her recommendation to use a mix of public and private demonstration planting sites. Optimum

site locations are near boat launches, adjacent to restaurants/prime mooring areas, at the end of a point, not in a channel, and not on a property likely to change hands soon. As soon as a site is selected, plantings can take place until November 1. The area should be well watered; if this is the case, the growth of the plantings by the next spring will be tremendous.

Typically, it will take approximately two years for the site to flourish. The County Land Conservation may have funds available to assist in the cost of a site. She discussed how other Districts encourage program participants through the use of various cost sharing methods. Project design, project plant list, maintenance plan, and the installation of the project, are all functions that L. Reas can undertake. Landowner workshops conducted on a Saturday in early to mid-June consisting of a three hour "classroom" workshop with a one to two hour hands-on installation demonstration at a public demonstration project site were also recommended. In the past, she had charged workshop participants a \$20 fee which included 15 plants for each participant to take home. She explained various workshops that have already been conducted, several of which were in the Lake Country Area. Target mailings could inform shoreline landowners of cost share programs, workshops, and Best Management Practices for their shoreline. Slides showing various shorelines were displayed.

Various possible sites on Lac LaBelle were discussed. The first step is to determine how much money can be spent, how much land the landowner is willing to give for the project, selecting the proper site, and having a professional plan done. An optimal site should be at least 8-10' deep and deeper along the lot line.

L. Reas offered to give the Commissioners a tour of the projects on Green Lake.

There are many articles that L. Reas has written or been quoted on that could be used for the LLBMD newsletter. Her website is www.ljreas.com.

Discussion took place on possible areas on Lac LaBelle that could be used for demo sites. Concern was expressed regarding maintenance of a demo site located on public lands. J. Larsen suggested having an article in the newsletter asking for interested landowners to contact the District. She also provided suggestions regarding the selection of a certain number of sites with an offer of monetary assistance, and to hire L. Reas to manage the project.

It was suggested the main topic of the newsletter be on the subject of shoreline restoration. J. Larsen and R. Myhre will contact L. Reas and will work on an article for the LLBMD newsletter in addition to determining possible grant opportunities. D. Falstad will contact Dale Shaver and P. Carpenter will contact the UW-Extension.

J. Larsen suggested having L. Reas make a presentation at the annual meeting.

10. Discuss & Act on Creation of Mission Statement for the Lake District

S. Keefe reported that mission statements can be formulated for individuals or organizations and noted that a mission statement is not the same as a vision statement. Mission statements

define the organization's purpose and primary objectives, with its function being primarily internal and measuring success. Vision statements are explained in terms of value statements and are considered useful for people to understand the organization and how they could work within the organization. Mission statements for the Lake Beulah Lake Management District, Lauderdale Lakes Management District, Beaver Lake Management District, and Lake Puckaway were reviewed. S. Keefe will present an outline showing how to create a mission statement at the next meeting. She recommended viewing the mission statements of Lake Beulah at www.lakebeulah.org and the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District at www.lllmd.org. The Commissioners need to think about LLBMD's purpose, what it should be known for, and ideas related to values that this organization should have. In her research, S. Keefe found documents stating that the mission of the LLBMD was to protect, preserve, and improve the quality of Lac LaBelle. This item will be put on the next agenda.

11. Discuss land acquisition procedures

J. Larsen forwarded emails to the Commissioners regarding land acquisition procedures and reported that she had spoken to Dr. Thornton of SEWRPC and Ellen Gennrich of the UW Extension. Dr. Thornton stated that opportunity dictates more than a prescribed plan for purchase. He did not feel that guidelines should be developed. This item will be on the next agenda.

12. Update on the Golf Course Agreement

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Discuss Newsletter

After a brief discussion, it was determined the next newsletter should focus mainly on shoreline restoration, with smaller articles on lawn fertilizer, CarpFest, the Goose Round-Up process, and the Permission Slip for the Goose Round-Up. WAL (Wisconsin Association of Lakes) was contacted and any of their materials are available for use in the LLBMD newsletter as long as the author is credited. Articles are available to download for newsletters, however if the articles are edited, WAL should be contacted prior to publication.

14. Discuss & Act on Newcomer Outreach

J. Larsen researched a lot of literature. Information is being obtained on getting magnets printed and delivered. A booklet entitled "Protecting Your Waterfront Investment" was the best of the literature she reviewed. Commissioners were given copies of the booklet.

15. Discuss & Act on Fowler Lake and Lac La Belle Waterfront and Parking Solutions

No discussion took place. This will be put on the next agenda.

16. Review Timeline Goals

No discussion took place. This will be put on the next agenda.

17. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Lac LaBelle Management District will take place on February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Oconomowoc City Hall.

18. Agenda for Next Meeting

Set CarpFest Date

Discuss & Act on Creation of Mission Statement for the Lake District

Discuss Land Acquisition Procedures

Update on the Golf Course Agreement

Discuss & Act on Fowler Lake and Lac LaBelle Waterfront and Parking Solutions

Review Timeline Goals

19. Adjournment

R. Myhre motioned to adjourn from the meeting. J. Larsen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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